In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An implosion prevention tension band for a cathode ray tube having an evacuated envelope including a faceplate panel at a front with a substantially flat viewing faceplate extending to a peripheral rearwardly extending sidewall and forming an inside blend radius from the viewing faceplate to said sidewall, said sidewall having corners with a given radius of curvature, said tension band comprising:

a band surrounding said faceplate panel and having a width extending rearwardly from near said viewing faceplate at the front to at least half the distance between a rear edge of said inside blend radius and a rear edge of said sidewall; and,

a plurality of tension adjusting features formed in a rear section of said tension band located opposite the front and aft of said inside blend radius.

2. (previously amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises at least one aperture extending through said tension band.

3. (previously amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 2 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features are positioned at locations near said corners of said tension band.

4. (previously amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises semi-circular apertures extending through said tension band and forward from a rear edge of said tension band toward said inside blend radius.

5. (previously amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises a dimple formed in said tension band.

6. (previously amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 further comprising mounting lugs fixed at said corners wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features are located near said corner of said tension band on opposite sides of said mounting lugs.

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A cathode ray tube having an evacuated envelope including a faceplate panel with a substantially flat viewing faceplate extending to a peripheral rearwardly extending sidewall and forming an inside blend radius from the viewing faceplate to said sidewall, said sidewall having corners with a given radius of curvature, and an implosion prevention tension band having mounting lugs fixed to said faceplate panel by a surface of said tension band, said tension band comprising:

a single layer band surrounding said faceplate panel and having a width extending rearwardly from near said viewing faceplate to at least half the distance between a rear edge of said inside blend radius and a rear edge of said sidewall, and;

a plurality of tension adjusting features formed in a rear section of said tension band located aft of said inside blend radius and at a position apart from said mounting lugs.

9. (new) The cathode ray tube of Claim 8 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features are positioned at locations near said corners of said tension band.

10. (new)The cathode ray tube of Claim 8 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises semi-circular apertures extending through said tension band and forward from a rear edge of said tension band toward said inside blend radius.

11. (new) The cathode ray tube of Claim 8 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises a dimple formed in said tension band.

12. (new) The cathode ray tube of Claim 8 wherein said mounting lugs are fixed at said corners and said plurality of tension adjusting features are located near said corner of said tension band on opposite sides of said mounting lugs.

13. (new) The cathode ray tube of Claim 8 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises at least one aperture extending through said tension band.